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SUBJECT: NIGERIAN PORT DECONGESTION

NIGERIAN PORTS AUTHORITY HAS ISSUED NEW PORT REGULATIONS IN A LETTER FROM MR. B.M. TUKUR, GENERAL MANAGER, TO ALL SHIPPING COMPANIES AND AGENTS AND ALL CLEARING AND FORWARDING AGENTS STATING THAT EFFECTIVE 20 APR 76 AND UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE NO CLEARANCE WILL BE GIVEN TO SHIPS TO LOAD FOR NIGERIAN PORTS. SHIPS THAT HAD OBTAINED CLEARANCE ON OR BEFORE 20 APR 76 WILL STILL BE ACCEPTED. SHIPPING LINES WITH APPROPRIATED BERTHS WILL CONTINUE TO OPERATE THEIR PRE-CLEARED SCHEDULES OF SAILINGS TO NIGERIA, BUT NO FURTHER CLEARANCES WILL BE GIVEN UNTIL A REVIEW IS MADE OF THE PORT CONGESTION SITUATION ON OR BEFORE 3 JUN 76. WITH THE LETTER WAS PROMULGATED A MANDATORY BERTHING SCHEDULE FOR SHIPS AWAITING BERTHING IN LAGOS/APAPA (SCHEDULES FOR OTHER NIGERIAN PORTS ARE TO FOLLOW). SHIPPING COMPANIES ARE EXPECTED TO INFORM IMPORTERS OF THE EXPECTED DATE THEIR CONSIGNMENTS WOULD BE OFFLOADED SO THAT ARRANGEMENTS COULD BE MADE FOR IMMEDIATE CLEARANCE FROM THE PORT AREA. ALL DUTIES MUST BE PAID AND CUSTOMS DOCUMENTS COMPLETED PRIOR TO THE LANDING OF THE GOODS TO EXPEDITE CUSTOMS FORMALITIES. THIS PROGRAM IS DESIGNED TO ELIMINATE THE LINE OF SHIPS AWAITING BERTHING OUTSIDE LAGOS (LAST REPORTED TO NUMBER ABOUT 120 SHIPS, HALF OF THEM CEMENT SHIPS). EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS BERTHING SCHEDULE CURRENTLY

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